

Concerning docket 03-104, I have been a ham radio operator for 26 years and during that time I have run public service and emergency communications for the general public on numerous occasions. The HF frequencies we use for world-wide communications would be crippled with the proposed change allowing internet connections via power lines. I wonder why the attack on a time-honored and publicly- minded hobby? I thought the FCC was supposed to protect access of various frequencies for the services to which they were assigned. When hams are forced to vacate the HF bands due to interference, will there be another service to fill the void in an emergency? Many ships at sea still carry ham radios for just such contingencies. Hams continue to form the largest public service communications service at no charge to anyone but themselves. What did we do to deserve this?

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